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PROHIBITION: WILL IT COME?

Bartender union officials throughout the state are watching with interest the newest move of "drys" for prohibition, and are checking on petitions for "local option" now being circulated. J. Herschell Morgan, vice-president of the California State Council of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel Service Employees and business agent of Bartenders 577 of San Jose, has written a summary of the situation. Following is the first of four releases from Morgan summarizing the prohibition effort.

—THE EDITOR.

By J. H. MORGAN

Having returned Monday, February 16, from San Diego, where I attended the Executive Board meeting of the California State Council of Culinary Workers, Bartenders, and Hotel Service Employees as representative of the 8th District, I offer a brief resume of some of the happenings. The Executive Board discussed legislative matters confronting our crafts in California, among which was the Dry's attempt to return prohibition to sections of California, via local option.

Brother Neal Haggerty favored us with a visit and gave us a lengthy talk on legislation and local option. Brother Haggerty's talk was very timely since the local option attempt will, if passed (and we're sure it won't), cause in the neighborhood of 820,000 people to be directly affected should prohibition again rear its ugly head in California.

William Ahern, representing the Bottlers Union in San Francisco, assured our Executive Board that they will be in the fight to defeat the local option attempt. We, in the state, have already made up our minds that by lies, deceit, etc., the Drys will be able, in the final analysis, to receive the necessary signatures to place it on the ballot this year. It is quite necessary especially for working people and members of organized labor, to register and vote else they find themselves voted out of existence.

California, today, is one of ten remaining states with a statewide control plan for alcoholic beverages wherein local prohibition is excluded and control vested administratively in a sole unit of government, the State Board of Equalization. Passed in 1935, the ABC Act has been viewed as a model beverage control act with its low license fees, its low excise taxes, and its protection and encouragement of the state's great agricultural industry—grapes, barley, hops, and the wine industry.

California, from 1850 to 1911, operated under a free system in the production and use of alcoholic beverages. Incorporated cities and towns had control over their own areas and could vote either Wet or Dry. So-called Dry strength was concentrated in southern California counties—Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino. Very few northern California towns exercised prohibition.

The population of the state in 1910 was 2,377,549 of which about 65 per cent was in northern California. In 1911, the California Legislature formally enacted a local prohibition measure making supervisory districts outside municipal areas the voting units for the purpose of the act. By this means, the Drys were able to dry up 42 per cent of the state's area before national prohibition became law.

From 1912 to 1922, despite numerous attempts by Drys, California voters rejected all prohibition initiatives, including trick proposals of every description. Even after national prohibition, this state refused passage to the original enforcement act at the general election of 1920 and it was not until 1922 that the Wright Act (California's enforcement law) was approved in a referendum by a relatively low margin of 43,943 votes (445,076 to 411,133).

From 1922 to 1932, California's great central valleys and coastal agricultural regions suffered severely from losses sustained by vineyardists, hop growers, and grain growers during the Prohibition years. Southern California, however, enjoyed one of the sensational development periods of the West, thereby starting a trend which has changed the entire voting structure of the state.

In 1932, California repealed the Wright Act on November 8, as a forerunner of national repeal. A new section (Sec. 22) was added to Article XX of the State Constitution.

In 1933, subsequent to April 6 and prior to December 5, municipalities, as well as the State, had the right to impose license taxes upon alcoholic beverage dealers. The new state act voided the right of municipalities to collect such

Salinas Groups Aid Farm Labor

Unions of the Monterey County Central Labor Union of Salinas are rallying behind the cause of the National Farm Labor Union at the Di Giorgio Farms near Bakersfield and donations of food, clothing and cash are coming in, to be sent to the strikers.

Unions which have reported collections to aid the strikers include Retail Clerks 957, Carpenters 925, Machinists and Mechanics, Butchers 506, Bartenders 545, Teamsters 890, Barbers 827, Laundry Workers 258, and Dry Cleaners 258-B.

A dispute between Musicians Union 616 and Mr. Hoffman, owner of the Redwood Gardens just south of Salinas, has been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mr. Hoffman appeared before a council meeting last week to explain his side of the dispute.

George Rice, of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders 483, and Margaret Moreau, of the Monterey Teachers Union, were visitors at a recent meeting of the Labor Council in Salinas, speaking on political matters.

The Labor Council has instructed its secretary to purchase the Prentice-Hall, Inc. publications of labor information and reference material. The material will be kept in the council's offices and will be available for unions wishing to use it.

HOTEL LAUNDRY IN MONTEREY SIGNS CONTRACT

Following one hour of picketing by Laundry Workers Union 258, the San Carlos Hotel laundry was signed under a union agreement last Thursday, reports Union Business Representative John W. Deer.

The picketing had been sanctioned by the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council. Because of the effectiveness of the picket line, the hotel management agreed to negotiate and sign a union contract, Deer added.

More Laborers Join Road Crew

Business Agent J. B. McGinley of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas reports the following progress for last week:

Installation of the sprinkling system for fire protection at the new Sears Roebuck store building has been started by the Viking Sprinkler Company of San Francisco.

More laborers have been called to the overpass job on the Sanborn Road extension, a job on which Dan Caputo of San Jose is general contractor.

Additional laborers have also been called to the Lowrey job of installation of wiring for the PG&E, and also to the street projects in the Monterey Park district.

Phone Building Underway Again

With a new shipment of steel on hand, construction of the new telephone building in Monterey was resumed last week, officials of the various building trades crafts reports.

Laborers were called to the job early last week and other craftsmen were to be engaged shortly, it was reported. Contractor firm is Moore & Roberts, of San Francisco.

taxes, all such power was vested in the State.

In 1934, on November 6, the voters of California, by a majority of 1,261,315 to 714,303, redefined intoxicating liquors and provided that such liquors might be sold without meals in bona fide restaurants, which were defined as those premises kept and operated for the purpose of furnishing meals to the public, the service therein being merely incidental to that business.

On the other hand, as later held by the state courts, where the service of meals is merely incidental to the service of liquor, then such premises are construed as being a public saloon or barroom within the intent of the constitutional amendment, and liquor sales are prohibited.

(Continued Next Week)

Don McAnaney, Ex-Labor Leader In Salinas, Dies

Daniel D. "Don" McAnaney, former president of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas and former president of the Salinas Carpenters Union 925, died suddenly last week at his home.

Brother McAnaney, who was 45, was vice president of Talcott Lumber Co. and Pacific Builders, had been in failing health for some time. He passed away at his home 2 Cedros Ave. He was a native of Pacific Grove.

Active in labor and civic affairs, Brother McAnaney had been president of the union and the labor council for two terms each in the early 1940s. He was chaplain of the Moose lodge in Salinas and a state official for the order, and was a member of the Optimist's Club.

At one time he was instructor at the evening school for carpenter apprentices.

Connected with the Talcott firm since 1941, he has been promoted rapidly to his executive post. His ability as carpenter and his ready wit and humor and his excellent personality won him hosts of friends.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Dorothy McAnaney, who was active for years in the Carpenters Union Ladies Auxiliary; a son, Donald Jack, in the U. S. Naval Academy in Washington, D. C.; two daughters, Sally Ann and Jean; his father, Daniel R. McAnaney, of San Francisco; two brothers, Ernest R. McAnaney, chief of police in Pacific Grove, and Stanley D. McAnaney of Hayward.

Funeral services were held last week in Salinas.

Building Council Picks New Agent Thursday Night

Major business of the Monterey County Building Trades Council at the regular meeting on Thursday night, March 4, will be the selection of a new business agent to succeed Richard S. ("Dick") Rial, who resigned at the last council meeting.

Union representatives at the council have been asked to come to the meeting prepared to suggest a possible candidate for the business agent post.

All members of the council are urged to be present for this important meeting.

Laundry Workers' President Leaves

Leta Williams, president of Laundry Workers Union 258 of Salinas, resigned her post last week and left Salinas to accept a post with the State boys school at Lone. Vice President Catherine De-Cross was named to the union presidency and Maxine Simpson was named vice president, according to Business Representative John W. Deer.

BERTHA BOLES UNDER KNIFE

Bertha A. Boles, secretary and business agent for Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas, was in the Park Lane Hospital at Salinas this week following a major operation last Friday.

Prior to entering the hospital she said she expected to be confined to bed there for about 12 days and then for a longer period at her home.

Not Interested in Truth

The Saturday Evening Post is not interested in the truth as to labor's viewpoint respecting the Taft-Hartley law. A few weeks ago an article appeared in the Post titled "The Truth About the Taft-Hartley Act," written by Max Swiger, law partner of Ohio millionaire Senator Taft. President William Green of the AFL wrote a letter suggesting that the publication might also be interested in publishing labor's side of the story. But the Post's editor, Ben Hibbs, wrote sarcastically and brusquely that the Post is not a "forum" and that "we frankly take sides."—Potters Herald, AFL.

If people'd use the same amount of energy saying "I will," that they use saying "I can't," there'd be a lot more constructive action going on.

WELL DONE



Even more than most of us, metal worker Andrew Zavada of Latrobe, Pa. needs a pay boost—now that he's the father of quadruplets. Here he watches proudly as doctors show him his little boy. The others are girls. All are doing well and mama's in good shape, too.

FRANK C. MacDONALD LEADS SUCCESSFUL FIGHT TO STOP REVAMPERS OF CONSTITUTION

Protests of organized labor recently brought about the defeat of an undemocratic proposal that would have given the State Legislature power to substitute itself for a constitutional convention and would have given it control over other coordinate branches of government.

At a special meeting of the Legislative Interim Committee on Constitutional Revision held in Santa Barbara February 23rd, it was discovered that several persons who were members of the subcommittee had not been notified it was to meet. Almost without exception, these were labor leaders.

LABOR LEADERS OBJECT
Frank C. MacDonald, president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, objected. "This thing smells," said MacDonald. "It isn't Hoyle and it isn't democratic. I move this recommendation be re-referred to the subcommittee. What's your hurry,

Wallace Seems Sure to Qualify In California

That Henry A. Wallace will qualify for the June 1st primary election in California was made electrically a certainty on February 24 when a checkup of the number of names appearing on the new party's petitions revealed a total in 52 counties of the state of 482,781 signatures. As the legal requirement is only 275,970 valid signatures, the petitioners have a leeway of over two hundred thousand more signers than needed. It is not at all likely that so large a number as this could be thrown out by all the many possible ways in which signers may be disqualified. Hence it seems a certainty now that Wallace will be on the June ballot under the designation of Independent Progressive, which is the designation under which the third party is filing in California.

In Illinois the new party is called the Progressive party, while in New York it is the American Labor party, which at the present time has two members in Congress who were elected from two districts in New York City.

In New York, Illinois and California these third party organizations have all endorsed Henry A. Wallace for President and Glen H. Taylor, U.S. Senator from Idaho, for Vice-President.

Following are the number of signatures obtained for a new third party in some of the 52 counties in which petitions were circulated:

Los Angeles County listed 278,500 signatures; San Francisco, 96,668; Alameda, 63,000.

Other northern California filings listed are: Contra Costa, 15,500; Humboldt, 1400; Sacramento, 3772; San Mateo, 5080; Santa Cruz, 429; Monterey, 880; Sonoma, 1426; Santa Clara, 8868; Marip, 3268; Napa, 22; Solano, 1600.

Labor Council Has Registrars Available Now

The Monterey AFL central labor council now has three roving registrars who can go to any meetings held on the Peninsula to register voters. George Rice, Local 483, R. R. Robinson of the Butchers, and Margaret Moreau, American Federation of Teachers were deputized last Tuesday. The stationary registrar in the Building Trades Council office at 315 Alvarado was cancelled by the county clerk's office the next day, but the roving registrars may be able to cover enough meetings before April 26, the date that registrations close for the primaries to get every union member in Monterey registered.

Any voter who failed to vote in 1946 and has not registered for voted since then, or who has moved out of the precinct in which he was registered, must re-register.

Below is a list of deputy registrars for the entire county, who, with the county clerk's office in Salinas, have the job of registering as many as possible of the eligible but unregistered voters in this county, estimated at 40,000.

Talk of voting and political action means nothing if the voter is not registered, so it is very important that every union member attend to this within the next two months.

SALINAS

County Clerk's Office
Breschini's Real Estate, 64 W. Alisal

Brownlee's Real Estate, 19 E. Alisal

Dayton-Johnson Co., 157 Main St. Carpenters' Union No. 925, 422 N. Main St.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers, 28 E. Market St.

Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. G. L. McCartney, 626 S. Main St. O. F. Shannon Insurance, 44 W. Alisal St.

Taylor's Jewelry Store, 139 Main St.

Teamsters' Union, Main and John High School, S. Main St.

Tindell's Realty Co., 293 El Camino Real N., Salinas.

ALISAL

Cecil E. Alexander (Feed Market), 517 E. Market St.

Alisal Model Shop, 539 E. Alisal D. E. Alves, 1285 First Avenue

Blades Real Estate, 1415 Del Monte

Ann Robinson, 1424 Del Monte Avenue

Wood's Lumber Co., corner E. Market and Sanborn

Hughes Auto Court, El Camino Real, So.

Mrs. Elizabeth Collins, 553 E. Alisal St.

Mrs. Nadine Sharp, Apt. 28, Stivers Way

Mrs. Harriet Chappel, 108 Carr

Mrs. Loretta McGlinchey, 145 Sycamore Rd., Salinas

SPRECKELS

Spreckels Emporium, Spreckels. CASTROVILLE

Gambetta's Hardware Store, Box 94.

PAJARO AND VICINITY

Justice Court, Pajaro

Mrs. Eudora Harris, near Las Lomas Market, Rt. 2, Box 783, Watsonville

Mrs. Dorothy Stevinson, 17 Salinas Rd.

Mrs. Sadie J. Warren, Rt. 4, Box 185, Watsonville.

NATIVIDAD

Mrs. LaVelle Long, 728 San Juan Rd., Salinas

Clifford Swanson, 706 Middlefield Rd., Salinas.

SANTA RITA

Massa's Grocery, 527 El Camino Real, Salinas

Craig's Market, 426 Camino Real, N. Salinas.

AROMAS

Mrs. Hazel S. Goodwin, P.O. Box 63, Aromas, Glohm Ave.

PRUNEDALE

Mrs. Mildred E. Reese, 41 Pesante Rd., Salinas.

CARMEL

Jos. H. Gledhill, Box 1650, Gledhill Radio, San Carlos and 5th

Robt. Leidig, Box 215, Delores near Ocean

Stalling's Stamp Shop, Delores near Ocean

Stoniford's Drug Store

Sam Colburn, Pescadero Road, Carmel Wds.

Del Monte Lodge, Pebble Beach.

PACIFIC GROVE

Grove Pharmacy, Dyke, Dean, Schales, 581 Lighthouse

Winnifred M. Beaumont, 562 Lighthouse.

O. B. Toombs, 305 18th St.

MONTEREY

Bennett A. Bailey, Elm and Darwin Streets

City Clerk's Office, City Hall

John Crivello (Seine and Line Fishermen's Union), 233 Alvarado

Fish Cannery Workers' Union (Roy Humbrecht), 320 Hoffman, New Monterey

Frank and Andy's (Frank J. Sh-

Agreement Due in Building Case

An agreement was believed due shortly in the dispute between Westley Jenkins, son of a Salinas lumberman, and building crafts in the Salinas area, officials of the Salinas AFL Co-ordinating Committee report.

The father, Bill Jenkins, attended the last meeting of the committee and discussed protests that non-union workers have been employed on a project by his son. After discussions, it was expected that an agreement would be reached in the matter.

Other business by the Co-ordinating Committee included discussions of ways and means of extending the boycott against the contracting firm of Lunt Bros., non-union Salinas contractors.

Theatre Show For Amputee Is Big Success

Success of last week's theatrical production in Seaside of the Bay Circle Players to raise funds for an artificial leg for a member of Fish Cannery Workers Union of Monterey was reported by union officials.

Frank Kruschke, union member employed at Hovden's for years, was assured of a new limb to replace that he lost by amputation recently, it was announced.

Meanwhile, work of fish cannery workers in Monterey was at a low figure due to the "light of the moon" which cut fishing, although some squid and anchovies were reportedly packed last week.

Demand High For Carpenters

Business Manager George R. Harter of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas reports as follows for this union:

Death of former President Don McAnaney of Local 925 last week has saddened our membership. We express our deep sympathy to Mrs. McAnaney and their two children. (Story elsewhere.)

Ivan Miller, well-known member of Local 925, was in the Salinas Valley Hospital last weekend following an abdominal operation. Friends wish him speedy return to work.

Work conditions for carpenters in Salinas area are unusually good with jobs progressing well and employment prospects good.

Salinas Plumbers Report Progress

Plumbers 503 of Salinas report conditions good and all members working, according to J. B. McGinley, new business manager for this group. McGinley said Local 503 has made steady progress in recent months and is enjoying good relations.

co), 234 Alvarado
Hilby's Drug Store, 419 Alvarado
Midway Drug Store, 601 Light-house Avenue
Oak Grove Pharmacy, 1100 Del Monte Avenue.

SEASIDE

Bentley and Son
Charles W. Kolb
Sam R. Thornburg, Chamber of Commerce

Pat's Market, Elm and Pacific.

CARMEL VALLEY

Carmel Valley Realty Co.
Mrs. Frances H. Payne, Robles del Rio

Mrs. Electa Grimes, Coast Rd., Monterey

Mrs. Irene Post, Big Sur.

CHUALAR

Mrs. Anna Petersen.

GONZALES

Mrs. Lou E. Lazier.

SOLEDAD

Burke's Drug Store
F. O. Lindstrand
James D. Young.

GREENFIELD

Greenfield Pharmacy.

KING CITY

Branstetter's Drug Store, 305 Broadway

Pettit Lands, Inc., 721 Broadway

Mrs. Phoebe J. Selvers, 213 S. 2nd

SOUTHERN COUNTY

Frank B. Adams, San Miguel

Mrs. Amy Curtis, San Miguel

Mrs. Amanda K. Durham, Parkfield

Mrs. Hazel H. Bunte, San Lucas

Joe Fofette, Evergreen Cafe, San Ardo

Mrs. Ellen Riewerts, Bradley

Chas. R. Tucker, Priest Valley

F. E. Weferling, Lockwood.

Actors Defend Rights Before Tenney Committee

Members of the Actors' Lab in Hollywood, experimental theater laboratory, made some points worth repeating before a recent hearing of the Tenney Committee in Los Angeles.

Rose Hobart, currently appearing in "Deep Are the Roots," stated: "There are times when it is appropriate to answer 'yes' or 'no' to questions as to one's political affiliation. Today, when people in my profession are losing their livelihood and their professional reputation because they choose to exercise their constitutional right to be silent, and when this committee is proposing legislation to blacklist persons of whose political leanings it disapproves, it is not appropriate to answer such a question. In a democracy no one should be forced or intimidated into a declaration of his principles. To the extent that one does yield to such pressure, he gives away his birthright. I am just mulish enough not to budge when anyone uses force against me."

In further testimony, distinguished Broadway and Hollywood actor Roman Bohnen concluded. "I think it is imperative for Americans to always defend our Constitution, and to always abide by the family of the Supreme Court, which ruled: 'If there be any fixed star in our Constitutional Constellations, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion or other matters of opinion, or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein.'"

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Mexicans Mass To Protect Strike Right

Mexico City.—Thirty thousand Mexican workers massed in front of the nation's Supreme Court here to protest a challenge to labor's right to strike. They warned a general strike will be called if there is any infringement on Article 123 of the Mexican Constitution, which guarantees that right.

An employer has brought a case before the Supreme Court, seeking a ruling to prevent workers from striking until a government arbitration board has decreed whether a strike is warranted. A strike held without government approval would be illegal and employers could refuse to bargain with the union involved.

The fourth chamber of the Supreme Court (a chamber dealing with labor cases) will shortly hand down its decision. Labor has already had a hint of its content, however, in the statement of Justice Luis Corona that in his opinion no strike can be called during the life of a collective bargaining contract unless it is within 60 days of contract expiration. Under Mexican law, all contracts are signed for two-year periods.

Registration A 'Must' on Union Agenda

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)
San Francisco.—All unions are requested to place on their agenda the question of registering their membership. This point should be a regular part of the agenda of each meeting until the time for registration expires.

It is also strongly urged that the unions contact their members, by mail if necessary, urging them to register, as a double check on them, to fulfill this important obligation.

This point must be driven home time and time again, until the unions achieve a reputable showing of registration of their membership.

Watch Your Watch

San Francisco.—Watch your overtime, boys and girls! The Pacific Gas and Electric Company, in an effort to conserve power in the present California drought crisis, has changed from 60 cycles to 59½ cycles an hour.

As a result every electric clock in San Francisco—and vicinity runs slow, and authorities disagree on the number of minutes they should be put forward. Unions are therefore cautioning their members to check the time by watches and non-electric clocks to make sure employers don't take advantage of the situation to cheat them of overtime pay.

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Our Primary Fight Is Here

With June 1st, the date of the California primary, less than three months away labor needs to get going on its important fight to eliminate the 16 anti-labor congressmen, from California, whose votes helped to enact the Taft-Hartley slave bill. They must be replaced by candidates who are pledged to vote for the repeal of this evil law.

As far as California is concerned, the fight against the Taft-Hartley law will in all likelihood be won or lost in the June 1st primary. During recent years the anti-labor forces in California have used our cross-filing system to secure the nomination of both the old parties for their candidates. This is usually accomplished by encouraging several candidates to run on the minority ticket. This splitting of the vote makes it possible frequently for the anti-labor candidate to win both nominations, thus effectually removing all opposition at the final election.

Now is the time to start in real earnest to do everything that will concentrate all our voting strength to secure the defeat in the primaries of pro-Taft-Hartley law candidates by electing whomever we unite on to secure the repeal of the Taft-Hartley law. We cannot elect our man in November unless we first nominate him in the June 1st primary. That is the fight we must win.

Labor Learns Hard Way

Like people generally, labor seldom learns anything except by way of the hard and expensive road of experience. In the days when the workers were organizing they struggled uphill most of the time. Now, after more than two generations of united efforts that have been rewarded by large and substantial gains, fifteen million organized workers woke up one day last year to learn that all their gains were challenged and were being threatened with extinction by the adoption of the Taft-Hartley law.

Our organized workers had been told over and over again that they should use their political power to elect legislative, executive, and judicial representatives who would safeguard the gains made by labor instead of destroying by legislation everything labor had gained through its unions.

But labor slept at the switch. In 1946 labor failed to do its duty at the polls to the extent of millions upon millions failing even to bother to vote. Evidently it seemed easy and simple to do nothing, but it proved very expensive. The result was the election of the most reactionary Congress we have been cursed with for many years. Result was that the Taft-Hartley slave law was enacted. It must now be repealed. It is the hard way to undo our own negligence and indifference.

Settling Jurisdiction Disputes

It has long been realized that some plan is badly needed for the settling of jurisdiction disputes, where the settlement can be accomplished without work stoppages or interference with employee-management relations.

Invariably a jurisdiction dispute arises when two or more unions claim certain work as rightfully belonging to their respective unions. With two unions claiming the same work it becomes a scramble to get on the jobs, where the other union may already have men working, or may be taking steps to get on the job.

To settle such disputes strikes have often taken place, sometimes tying up the entire job. There is no form of strike that has done so much to discredit unions as the jurisdiction strike, for the reason that the employer is not to blame for it, since the sole cause is due to organized groups of workers squabbling for the right to do the same job.

The sooner the members of every union learn that they must adopt some plan for settling their own internal differences on jurisdiction without bringing either the employer or the innocent public into it the better it will be for the cause of unionism.

Well Deserved Rebuke

A scheme to let the State Legislature of California assume charge of drafting a new state constitution instead of having it drafted by a constitutional convention called for that purpose, as is the law now, received a rude setback at Santa Barbara when Frank C. MacDonald led a successful fight against having the interim committee recommend it.

When we stop to reflect what hopelessly reactionary lawmakers we have had during recent years, what kind of a new constitution could we hope for from such legislators? The very thought suggests how hopeless such a move would be. Certainly the constitution we now have is far superior to anything we could hope for from our present legislature. We'd better keep our constitutional convention as is.

Outstanding Art Exhibit Sponsored In Beverly Hills

Hollywood—William Wyler, director of Best Years of Our Lives and, before that, such films as Dead End, Jezebel, Dodsworth and many another outstanding hit, has a heavy schedule ahead of him as a producer-director for Liberty-Paramount. His next will be The Heiress, with Olivia de Havilland, from the current Broadway play, to be followed by Theodore Dreiser's Sister Carrie and Thomas Wolfe's Look Homeward, Angel.

These three subjects should be sufficient indication that Wyler will remain one of Hollywood's top film makers. Having got his start through being a nephew of Old Carl Leammle at Universal, Wyler, a wartime colonel, is proof that in Hollywood some relatives can turn out to be a lot more than false alarms.

The recent rumor that Lana Turner was going to Moscow turns out to be hot air. It must have started when someone saw the Los Angeles Daily News headline: STALIN AWAITS U. S. BUST.

Edward G. Robinson, Clifford Odets, Aldous Huxley and other film people are among the sponsors of Beverly Hills' Modern Institute of Art, now giving its first show, made up of paintings by Picasso, Chagall, Leger, Matisse, Modigliani, Renoir, Rouault, etc., loaned by local collectors. It is one of the finest exhibits of modern art ever seen on the coast. President of the Institute is former Producer Kenneth Macgowan, now head of the Department of Theatre Arts at the University of California at Los Angeles. Vice president is Actor Vincent Price.

Of races and nations: Jeni Le-Gon, negro actress, is opening Hollywood's first "intercultural" dancing school, according to a studio press release. In plain English, we gather it will mean she is launching another attack on Jimcrow. Richard Lyon, son of oldtime stars Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon, will play the leader of the band of orphans who explains to little Dean Stockwell why his hair turns green in The Boy with Green Hair. The reason: prejudice. Maylia, charming and unexpected Chinese villainess of To the Ends of the Earth, gave birth to a daughter recently. Born Gloria Chin in Detroit, she is the wife of Benson Fong, familiar in Charlie Chan films.

AFTER SHAKESPEARE, IBSEN
David O. Selznick has announced he will produce Ibsen's A Doll's House in Europe, starting April 15. Swedish Director Alf Sjöberg will film the drama, which stars Dorothy McGuire. Famed playwright Ingmar Bergman is doing the script.

Norman Foster, who will do Kiss the Blood off My Hands, the British chiller, at Universal, will later go to Mexico for Spanish and English versions of The Underdogs, the famous novel of Mexico's revolution, to which he has acquired the rights. Tremendous protest has arisen over the cancellation of the Jackie Robinson film, reported in our last column. The broadcast unit of civic, religious and labor groups and individuals is evident among those demanding that the film not be abandoned because of southern reluctance to screen it.

Rod Geiger's Christ in Concrete, starting soon, has been retitled Give Us This Day. Since Karen Morley is in it, we suggest that after its first runs it might be revived as a double-feature with an old King Vidor epic that she was also in, and billed: Give Us This Day—Our Daily Bread.

Arraign Murray For T-H Violation In Md. Election

Washington. — CIO President Philip Murray was arraigned before Federal Judge Alexander Holtzoff here on Justice Department charges of having violated the Taft-Hartley law by ordering expenditure of CIO funds in connection with a federal election.

The case arose specifically on Murray's action in endorsing Representative Edward A. Garmatz (D, Md.), a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL), in a special congressional election last July, and having the weekly CIO News print his endorsement and circulate it free of charge among Baltimore voters.

Pleading "not guilty" to the charge, on behalf of himself and of the CIO, which is co-defendant in the trial, the CIO chief was fingerprinted and photographed, then released on \$1,000 bond. His attorneys immediately moved to quash the indictment on the ground that the slave law's ban on political expenditures is unconstitutional.

March 22 was set as trial date. If the indictment is quashed, the Justice Department will appeal immediately to the U. S. Supreme Court to get a final ruling on Section 304 of the Taft-Hartley law, under which the indictment was brought.

Central Labor Council Minutes

In the absence of the president, the meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council was called to order on February 17, by Vice President Robinson.

The roll call showed the presence of 11 delegates from six locals. Regular officers present were Vice President Robinson, Secretary Treasurer Edwards and Sergeant-at-Arms Alves.

County Clerk McMenamin was present and spoke regarding the registration of voters. He said it was absolutely futile to send registrars out to solicit registrations. He stressed the importance of getting people interested in the right to vote. He expressed his willingness to deputize two members of the council who would take registrations at union meetings and in other places.

Hal Boyle was then introduced and spoke to the council explaining a labor information service—a factual service to keep labor organizations informed of all legal points important to them and the last word in court decisions on all labor points. This is a weekly service, put out in letter form, and with extra bulletins when anything urgent comes along. All labor decisions by courts and arbitrators are reported.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected to show in the Cannery Workers' report that their executive council had gone on record as opposed to any participation in the California Legislative Conference.

Bro. Rice reported on his meeting with President Shelley and Secretary Haggerty regarding political activity in the Eleventh Congressional District. He reported that the State Federation Executive Council opposed participation in the California Legislative conference because of its "pink" leadership and because of the affiliation of the C. I. O. and independent groups, and also because of its ineffectiveness in legislative lobbying. It was agreed between them and Bro. Rice that he would continue to take an active part in political affairs of the eleventh congressional district.

It was reported by the committee appointed for the purpose that the

Salinas Council was willing to co-operate in arranging a political meeting to hear possible candidates for office in the eleventh congressional district. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the committee's report and to instruct them to proceed with plans for said meeting.

It was moved, seconded and passed to allow the secretary's bill for five dollars for stamps.

It was moved, seconded and passed to send four delegates to a meeting in Santa Barbara February 22, and to pay their expenses. It was moved, seconded and passed that the following be delegates to the Santa Barbara meeting: E. E. Winters, George Rice, Rolland Robinson and Mrs. Margaret Moore.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the secretary write a letter to the Herald protesting against the impression unfavorable to labor in the editorial of February 13, and that each local union also write a letter disavowing any support for a third party on the part of the council or their union.

REPORT OF DELEGATES
The Bartenders reported a good meeting and 11 new members—25 new ones so far this month. Their contract with the San Carlos Hotel is in effect with the new management. Negotiations are under way for a contract covering Hotel Service Workers. Their present contract in this area expires May 1. Notices are going out regarding a new contract. They reported also that Bro. Ted Harrison had passed away. His passing will be a great loss to the local.

The Cannery Workers reported no meeting since last report. The Carpenters reported three new members. Their meeting was largely taken up with discussion regarding their proposed new hall. The Glass Bottle Blowers reported that all is going o.k. with them, though they had had no meeting since last report. The Butchers reported that all is o.k. with them in Monterey.

ITU Members Back 'War Chest' Assessment

Indianapolis—Early returns from 850 International Typographical Union (AFL) locals indicate a 2 to 1 majority approval for a proposal to increase strike assessments from 1/2 per cent of weekly pay to 5 per cent.

ITU Secretary-Treasurer Don Hurd said the vote from 40 locals showed about 7,600 for and 2,900 against. One of the locals which went overwhelmingly for the assessment increase was the Big Six local in New York, currently involved in negotiations with both newspaper publishers and commercial printing firms.

(Editor's Note: Later unofficial count showed 37,755 favoring the increased assessment and 16,155 against, a majority of 21,600 in favor, with about 5,000 yet to count.) A 6 to 1 majority was piled up in the New York local, with the members voting 5,902 to 933 for the increase. Local 16 in Chicago, where 1,500 ITU members have been on strike since November 24 against five daily papers, voted 3,519 to 360 for the proposal.

The strikes in Chicago and in smaller cities as well as possible strikes elsewhere, and the ITU's extensive legal battles against Taft-Hartley Act threats have been putting the union's treasury under a severe strain. Indications of overwhelming membership approval of the "war chest" were interpreted as solid rank-and-file support for the ITU's militant fight against the Taft-Hartley law.

Indianapolis.—The NLRB has won the first round of its legal fight with the International Typographical Union over the constitutionality of the Taft-Hartley Act's injunctive provisions.

Federal Judge Luther M. Swygert denied the union's motion in court here to dismiss an injunction suit brought against it by Robert N. Denham, general counsel for the NLRB.

The financial report was read and accepted and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS,
Secretary-Treasurer

FACTS ABOUT POWER CURTAILMENT

A STATEMENT BY P. G. AND E.

California, particularly in the central and southern areas served by the Company, is faced with a drought of unprecedented proportions. In the Bakersfield area, for example, rainfall this season has been less than 20 per cent of normal. Most of this season's scant precipitation in the watersheds of California came last fall and what remains in the mountains in the form of snow is only about half of what it was in 1931, the driest year of record.

The drought has had the double effect of drastically reducing the amount of water power available and at the same time creating a large and completely unprecedented irrigation pumping demand. It is estimated that this pumping demand exceeds normal by at least 250,000 horsepower. This is equivalent to the combined power demand of the cities of Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, Merced, San Jose and Berkeley.

Power Saved Is Water Saved

In order to conserve water, we ran our steam electric generating plants at full capacity all last year. By doing this we were able to effect a carry-over of about 50 per cent of our storage capacity—well over the normal carry-over. Unreasonable pumping demands have made heavy inroads on that storage, and power curtailment has become necessary to prevent further depletion of stored water.

The City of San Francisco and other electric producing agencies face similarly severe drought problems. The City of San Francisco already has found it necessary to reduce its power output to conserve water.

War Delays Expansion

This winter's drought occurs at a time when the Company's power reserves are at a minimum. Wartime restrictions on construction, shortages of materials and the prolonged post-war strikes greatly delayed the delivery of new generating equipment.

When the war started, the Company had on order two large steam electric generators which were to commence operation in 1944. Work on these generators was stopped in 1941 for the duration of the war by order of the War Production Board. Promptly after war-time restrictions were ended the Company restored the orders for these war-delayed generators and followed this with orders for a number of additional hydro and steam electric plants.

New Generating Plants Due

We have just received the first steam electric generator reordered in 1945. This new 100,000-horsepower unit is now being installed in our Kern plant near Bakersfield. We expect to place it in operation in April. We will also add 125,000-horsepower in the new Electra and West Point plants on the Mokelumne

River this year, and 300,000 additional horsepower at Station "P" in San Francisco. In all, 525,000 horsepower of new generating capacity will be installed in the next twelve months on the P. G. and E. System.

Delay experienced by the Bureau of Reclamation in installing the first two additional generators at Shasta Dam has further aggravated the situation. These units of 100,000 horsepower each were installed during the war at Grand Coulee Dam. In early 1946 they were moved to Shasta Dam. They were scheduled to commence operation in the summer of 1947 before any other new plants could be constructed in the area in the postwar period. This schedule was not met. The first of these generators is only now about ready for operation and the second is expected to be ready in three months.

Construction Program

The Company has had underway for over two years a huge construction program to bring 1,400,000 horsepower of new generating capacity to the area. We are doing everything possible to speed that program. In 1945, the last year, we spent \$22,526,000 on new construction. In 1946 we spent \$45,000,000. In 1947 we spent over \$100,000,000. At the present time our construction expenditures exceed 10 million dollars a month.

During the next 12 months alone our construction plus the additions at Shasta will aggregate more than 725,000 new horsepower.

Hope for Rain Diminishes

The power situation will remain critical until these additions are completed unless relief comes through a protracted period of heavy rainfall in the valleys and a deep snow-pack in the mountains. Hope for such relief diminishes each day. The drought emergency and the public interest require the fullest co-operation with the power curtailment orders of the California Public Utilities Commission. Moderate curtailment now may well forestall more drastic curtailment later.

Power producing agencies are cooperating in a regional power pool to make the most of available resources. The public can be assured that we have done and will continue to do everything possible to meet the emergency and to keep curtailment at a minimum. The Company is appreciative of the cooperation it is receiving from the public.

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Negotiations are progressing favorably in many of our divisions, particularly in ice, produce, furniture, warehousing, tire and service stations. Members employed in the respective industries will be kept informed by special meetings.

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Manufactured Milk: Attention all members employed at Sego Milk. Union shop election will be held very soon. As soon as information as to dates is made known to the union, you will be notified. Negotiations are still continuing. Retroactive dates have been established.

REGISTER NOW!

Fluid Milk: Negotiations are progressing favorably. As this is written, meeting are being held, the results of which will be made known to this division at a special meeting.

Your union is compiling a record of all members, listing their blood

LABOR HAS A DATE IN '48

Attention All Members: It is important that an accurate file card be kept for each member. In the event you change address, please advise the office immediately so that the union will be able to contact you for the purpose of notification of special meetings, etc., and in order that this column may reach you.

It is necessary that we have not only an accurate address, but also your phone number (if any), date of birth, social security number, beneficiary in case of death, relationship and approximate age of beneficiary, whether or not your insurance policy has been received, and name of your employer.

Remember also that unless you retain your good standing with the union, you are not eligible for any of its benefits.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Your dues are due and payable on or before the first day of each month.

Remember the next regular meeting, to be held at Carpenters Hall, 422 North Main St., Salinas, on Thursday, March 4. Time, 8 p.m.

Lift Arms Embargo On Palestine, Labor Leaders Urge Truman

New York.—An appeal to President Truman urging the lifting of the arms embargo on the Jewish people in Palestine has been signed by 142 officers of 30 AFL and CIO unions, the American Jewish Labor Council reported here.

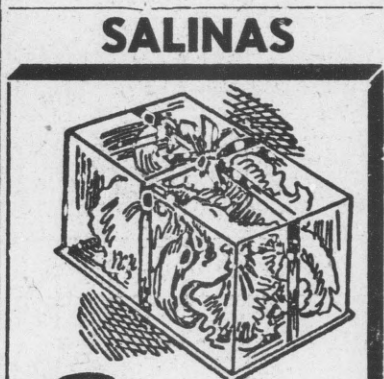
Praising the United Nations' creation of a separate Jewish state, the appeal charged that partition "is being subjected to violent and unlawful attacks aimed at thwarting the democratically expressed will of the U.N. This is being attempted through wanton and murderous onslaughts on the Jewish people of Palestine. Arab marauding bands, acting under orders of the Nazi Grand Mufti, have unleashed a reign of terror and destruction.

"The British mandatory government, responsible for maintaining order in Palestine and protecting its people, has failed to do so. The general embargo of our own State Department on the shipment of arms is also preventing the Jewish people from acquiring defensive weapons while Arab bands have ready access to arms and munitions from neighboring Arab states."

The appeal signers asked Truman to instruct the U.S. delegation at Lake Success to propose immediate Security Council responsibility "for the maintenance of peace and protecting the Jewish people of Palestine," pointing out: "The U.S., which together with the Soviet Union guided and inspired the U.N. decision, bears a responsibility at this time for its immediate and full implementation."

Among the signatories were the national officers of 13 CIO unions as well as local officers of other CIO and AFL unions.

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All Labor Backs Education Bill

Washington. — Leaders of all arms of organized labor went firmly on record for passage of S. 1390, the Labor Extension Act of 1947, at Senate education subcommittee hearings.

Spokesmen for AFL, CIO and unaffiliated groups joined Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach and prominent educators to back the bill, which was introduced by Sen. Wayne Morse (R., Ore.). The measure would set up a wide educational program under the Labor Department, providing grants-in-aid to land grant colleges in all states to finance labor education programs.

Excerpts from testimony of leading witnesses during the week of hearings:

AFL International Affairs Representative Frank Fenton, speaking for President William Green — "In a voluntary union movement such as ours, education plays the fundamental role. I can tell you that I shall be glad to see all labor disputes settled by conference and negotiation. But this goal cannot be realized unless labor is supplied with the instrumentalities of conference and negotiation. I can see a great opportunity in this proposed law to give workers the vision of and the equipment for cooperation with management. This is surely one of the strongest arguments for passage of this act."

"It is obvious that such a provision for workers will greatly advance the growing movement of adult education. Nearly everyone is now aware that formal education is only the beginning of an education. Formal education gives only the tools of acquiring an education. Education must be a continuous and continuing process, from cradle to the grave, if we are to have an intelligent and responsible citizenship."

CIO Vice President Allan S. Haywood, speaking for President Phillip Murray — "Over the last decade, as unionism has spread and the subjects involved in collective bargaining have increased in number and complexity, management has more and more turned to our universities and colleges to employ trained industrial relations specialists as its representatives. Across the bargaining table however, they meet with men and women who often have gained knowledge and leadership only through the school of experience."

"We are justly proud of the magnificent achievements of our people, but we must heed their insistent demand that the inequity between management and men, in the provision of facts and information, be ended. Certainly this is a reasonable request."

"The bill, by providing the tools of fact and reason, will give labor educational parity with other citizens for the first time. Its constructive and democratic program points the way to substantial progress toward industrial peace."

Labor Secretary Lewis B. Schwellenbach — "The proposed labor extension service act is designed to initiate a program which will furnish rank and file industrial workers an opportunity to acquire, in some degree, education in fields of vital importance both to them and to the welfare of the nation. For workers education provides wage earners with the information they need for effective participation in their jobs, their organizations and in community life."

Among other witnesses supporting the Morse bill were Executive Secretary A. E. Lyon of the Railway Labor Executives Association; President Harvey Brown, International Association of Machinists (unaffiliated) and Secretary-Treasurer Edward Weyer of the Kentucky Federation of Labor.

Furniture Workers Win Guaranteed Annual Wage

Allentown, Pa. (LPA) — The Upholsterers International Union (AFL) last week negotiated the first guaranteed annual wage contract in the history of the upholstered furniture industry.

Ray Pudliner, business agent for the UIU's Eastern Pennsylvania Joint Board, conducted the negotiations with the Rummel Furniture Company, along with a committee of Local 162, UIU, of which he is president.

The agreement, which is the first of its kind in this area, as well as in the industry, provides for 44 hours of work for 50 weeks out of the year. Wage rates are to be computed on the basis of the 8-hour day, 40-hour week, with time and one-half for overtime. A week's extra pay as a Christmas bonus, as well as a week of paid vacation, is called for.

Other gains include seven paid holidays, employer contribution to the UIU health and death benefit plan, the union shop for which Rummel employees voted unanimously—the checkoff, and the use of the union label on all goods produced.

The guaranteed work clause "shall at all times be effective except in the event of impossibility to secure manufacturing materials, and fire, flood, or other acts of God."

Another Mexican Union Withdraws From CTM

Mexico City.—The Workers and Farmers Federated Union of the state of Yucatan has voted unanimously to disaffiliate from the Mexican Confederation of Labor (CTM) because of the national executive board's decision that all CTM affiliates must belong to the government political party.

The national executive board recently expelled Vicente Lombardo Toledano, prominent Latin American labor figure, and three others from the CTM for helping to organize a new political party.

The Yucatan union, in statewide convention, unanimously condemned CTM General Secretary Fernando Amilpa — who led the fight against Lombardo—and the executive board majority as "traitors to the union."

Earlier, Mexico's three largest unions—oil, railroad, and mine workers—withdrew from the CTM in a similar protest move.

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Australian Aborigines Earn 80c Per Week

Sydney, Australia.—The Native Rights League, formed "to gain human rights for Aborigines and other colored Australians," has disclosed that some Aboriginal workers on northwest cattle ranches are still earning only 80 cents a week. One Aboriginal woman, employed as a ranch cook, is "paid" with one new dress a year, the league says. The Aborigines have to buy at company stores, where prices are always higher than elsewhere, and as a result are perpetually in heavy debt to their employers.

News Items About APPRENTICES
The Apprentice of Today Is the Journeyman of Tomorrow

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Passed motion that letters be sent to apprentices who do not attend school regularly and that they be laid off for two days as a penalty; that his penalty may be increased if the violation continues. All graduate eligible to receive State Certificates of Completion will be awarded them at the quarterly union meeting on April 5.

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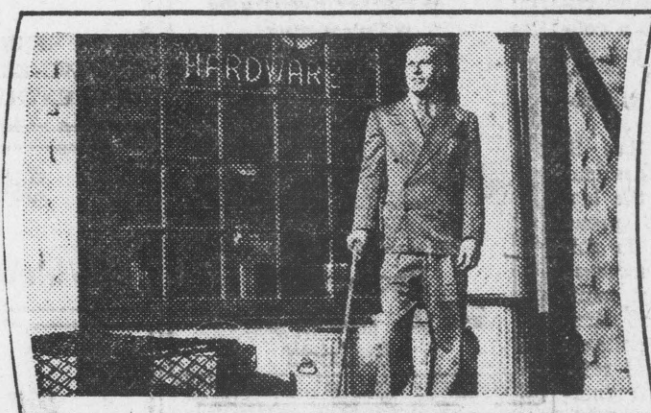
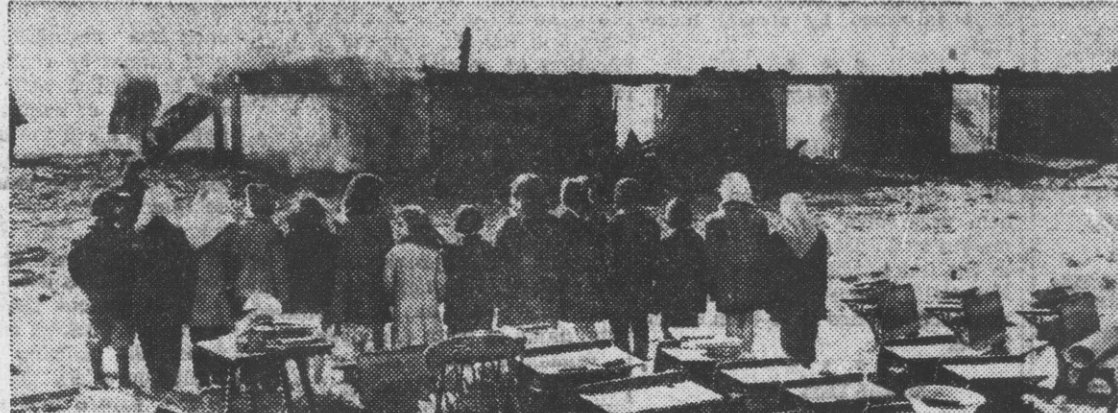
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